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Some guns seized in Boston same as used in Conn.

More than a dozen guns in the style of those used by Sandy Hook Elementary School shooter Adam Lanza have been seized in Boston this year.

Boston police said yesterday that of the more than 500 guns officers have seized this year, four were Bushmaster rifles, eight were Glock handguns and three were Sig Sauer handguns. Those are the same makes and styles Lanza brought into the Newtown, Conn., school to fatally shoot 27 people, including 20 first-graders.

"It is clear these types of weapons have one purpose, to kill large numbers of people quickly, and it is essential we get these guns off our streets," Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis said in a statement. "Let's make it tougher for felons, domestic abusers and other dangerous criminals to get guns. We need federal legislation that would require gun buyers to pass criminal background checks and prohibit any private citizen from owning military style high capacity firearms."

Also yesterday, Mayor Thomas Menino sent a letter to President Barack Obama in Menino's capacity as co-chair of Mayors Against Illegal Guns.

"It's unfortunate that it's taken such a heinous crime like the one in Newtown for our voices to be heard," Menino said in a statement. METRO/MN

The letter

The letter, which was also signed by the 750 other members of the coalition, urged Obama to improve gun control by:

- Mandate of criminal background checks on all gun sales
- Work to get military-style weapons and high-capacity magazines off of the streets
- Enact measures to make gun trafficking a federal crime.

60%

Sixty percent of all crime guns recovered by Boston police come from outside the state, according to the city.

By the numbers

1.5M

Gov. Deval Patrick has put his Milton home up for sale again. The six-bedroom, five-bathroom home built in 1923 is up for $1.5 million. It is the third time the home has been put on the market, and now Patrick has lowered the price from $1.9 million, according to the Patriot Ledger. Patrick, who said he will not seek a third term, is looking to downsize. METRO

Today's local tweet

"great, #Southie Rules starts on A&E on Jan29. Despite the media's obsession with this one type of Bostonian, we're not all like that."

@CMK_1 IS ONE OF MANY BOSTONIANS WORRIED ABOUT THE HUB'S IMAGE

In the news

Newton man arrested in T masturbation

BOSTON. An anonymous tip to Transit Police led to the arrest of a Newton man, who is accused of masturbating on the Green Line earlier this month. Transit police released a photograph of the suspect on Tuesday, seeking the public's help to identify him. John Wintersteiner, 30, was arrested yesterday on charges of open and gross lewdness and lascivious behavior after he allegedly pleasured himself on a trolley at Beaconsfield Station in Brookline on Dec. 3. METRO

Massport, MBTA unveil holiday gift for Logan passengers

BOSTON. Massport and the MBTA announced two new flight information display monitors at South Station yesterday that show departure times of flights leaving Boston Logan International Airport. The signs also show the arrival time of Silver Line buses headed to the airport.

A Massport spokeswoman said the signs will improve the airport experience for those public transit riders who use the Silver Line to get to one of more than 100 nonstop destinations from Logan. METRO

Derailed trust: Another Green Line trolley goes off the tracks

No passengers were hurt when a trolley partially derailed in Allston Tuesday ◐ Frequency of incidents raises questions about trolley safety

Just three weeks after a Green Line trolley crashed into the back of a stationary trolley at Boylston Station, injuring 35 people, the notoriously troubled line had another incident.

An inbound Green Line trolley went off the tracks around 9 p.m. Tuesday night at the Packard's Corner T-stop in Allston — the second derailment in three months.

But at the Green Line stop at Park Street, not only did most riders know nothing about Tuesday's derailment, they did not seem bothered by it.

"I think I would be bothered if it happened to me, but so far no issues," said Green Line rider Jason Wright as he sat on a bench during his commute.

His fellow passenger Jimmy Melanson also said he felt safe on the T. "I've been riding the train my whole life. I have no problem with it, as long as it gets me where I need to go."

They may be right — according to T officials, passengers should not fear derailments and collisions.

"Derailments that are not the result of an accident or a misplaced switch are very rare," MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo said in an e-mail. "Green Line managers are working to determine the cause of [Tuesday's] incident in which no one was hurt."

In Tuesday's accident, the front wheels of the second car of the train slipped off the rails.

"Green Line operators make more than 600 trips everyday, millions per year, without any incidents or unusual activity whatsoever. It's a credit to the MBTA's excellent training program and robust level of supervision," Pesaturo said.

According to the Federal Transit Administration, the MBTA operates one of the safest light rail systems in the nation, with fewer accidents than the national average.

Transportation officials credit that to the T's "laser-like focus" on proper maintenance of Green Line vehicles and tracks, according to Pesaturo, as well as the T's nationally recognized employee training programs.

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▶ No one was injured when this trolley derailed on South Huntington Avenue in 2011.

550 Crimes reported on the Red Line through Nov. 30 this year, including violent ones. Last year saw 442.

485 Crimes reported on the Orange Line through Nov. 30 this year. Last year saw 446.

136 Crimes reported on the Green Line through Nov. 30 this year.

85 Crimes reported on the Blue Line.

A dangerous reputation

- **Nov. 29, 2012**: A Green Line trolley operator blasted into the back of another trolley at Boylston Station, sending 35 people to the hospital. The driver was found at fault and was fired.
- **Nov. 25, 2012**: A Green Line trolley collided with a para-transit vehicle at 9 a.m. on Huntington Avenue.
- **Oct. 8, 2012**: Two Green Line trains collided near Brigham Circle after a switch that should have been shut was left open.
- **May 2009**: Trolley operator, Aiden Quinn sent a text message to his girlfriend right before crashing into another trolley at Government Center, injuring 40 people.
- **May 2008**: Two westbound trolleys collided on the "D" Branch between Woodland and Waban stations, killing T operator Terrese Edmonds. Fourteen passengers were hurt.

Skittish straphangers

Like many of his fellow T riders last night, Patrick Wood had not gotten wind of Tuesday's accident, however he said he is not surprised. "That makes me want to avoid the Green Line even more. If I can get somewhere without using the Green Line, I'll take it, even if it takes me longer to get there," Wood said. "It sounds like the driver's fault every time this happens. If it's not happening on the Red or the Orange lines, then something is wrong with this line and [the T] should do more about it."

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In the news

AG: Alleged pimp ran prostitution ring, kept profits

A Dorchester man pleaded not guilty yesterday to running a prostitution ring in Greater Boston in which he forced women into sexual encounters and kept the profits.

Michael Leoney, 49, was arrested Tuesday night and was arraigned yesterday on charges of trafficking of persons for sexual servitude and deriving support from a prostitute.

The arrest was the third case for Attorney General Martha Coakley's office under the state's new human trafficking law that went into effect in February.

"Today's arrest is part of our ongoing commitment to target human traffickers who exploit and abuse others for their own profit," Coakley said.

An investigation found that Leoney allegedly recruited women into prostitution and advertised sexual services on websites. He also allegedly received the full profits from the sexual encounters, authorities said.

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"We will continue to target those individuals who prey on others for financial gain."

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South Boston reality show to air next month

A&E

▶ The cast of "Southie Rules" sits on the stoop of their triple decker in South Boston.

After many rumors and much anticipation, the first of a slew of Boston-based reality shows is set to premiere next month.

"Southie Rules" will air Tuesday nights beginning Jan. 29 on A&E, the network announced this week.

Along with the announcement of the premiere date, the network released more details of the show and the family that will be in the spotlight.

The show's family is described as "a proud native South Boston family that is battling the relentless gentrification of their neighborhood that's been overrun with yuppies, sushi restaurants and $5 cups of coffee."

The show follows Camille, the family's matriarch and her ex-husband Walter, who live on the top floor of the triple-decker and still sleep in the same bed. They live with their youngest son Matt, his girlfriend Jenn and their 1-year-old, Liana.

On the ground floor is Leah, her husband Jarod, and their toddler. Leah is a "housewife with loud opinions," according to the network.

Controversy

▶ Devin, a family friend, often hangs out at the house.

Since the announcement of the show earlier this year, it has stirred controversy among members of the neighborhood.

Some South Boston residents have said they are worried that the upcoming Southie-focused reality shows could turn the neighborhood into the next "Jersey Shore."

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The pilot

A&E has set up a website for the new reality show and it includes a description of the first episode.

"Southie's age-old traditions are waning in the wake of gentrification. But there's still hope. With three generations living under the same roof, one beer-crushing, shamrock-toting, triple-decker family vows to preserve their Southie way of life and stick together, no matter what the yuppies throw at them."

▶ Jon, with his girlfriend Jessy, owns a tattoo parlor with his brother Matt.

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News in brief

▶ U.S. mission in Benghazi

Inquiry slams State Department over Benghazi attack

WASHINGTON. Security at the U.S. mission in Benghazi, Libya, was grossly inadequate to deal with a Sept. 11 attack that killed a U.S. ambassador and three others because of failures within the State Department, an official inquiry found on Tuesday.

In a scathing assessment, the review cited "leadership and management" deficiencies at two department offices, poor coordination among officials and "real confusion" in Washington and in the field over who had the responsibility, and the power, to make decisions that involved policy and security concerns. **REUTERS**

UBS fined $1.5B over interest-rate scandal

ZURICH. Swiss bank UBS agreed to a $1.5 billion fine on Wednesday after admitting to fraud and bribery in a deepening scandal over the rigging of global benchmark interest rates.

Dozens of UBS staff manipulated the Libor rate, which is used to price trillions of dollars worth of loans across three continents, in collusion with brokers and traders at other banks, according to an international investigation.

U.S. prosecutors also lodged criminal charges on Wednesday against two former UBS senior traders for the Libor manipulation, the first individuals to be charged in the wide-ranging investigation that involves more than a dozen big banks. **REUTERS**

Biden to head gun control task force

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▶ President Barack Obama speaks as Vice President Joe Biden looks on.

President Barack Obama announced yesterday that Vice President Joe Biden will lead an effort to come up with policies to address gun violence amid calls for action following the massacre of 26 people including 20 children in a Connecticut elementary school last week.

The president did not announce policy decisions but rather laid out the process by which his administration will move forward.

Obama has turned to Biden in the past to take a role in high-profile policy initiatives, such as efforts to seek a deficit-reduction compromise with congressional Republicans in 2011.

Biden's mission — to coordinate a process among government agencies to formulate policies in the wake of the Newtown shootings — comes just days after an event that has generated a national outcry for greater efforts to stem gun violence.

The Connecticut massacre was the fourth shooting rampage to claim multiple lives in the United States this year.

The president issued a call to action at a memorial service in Newtown on Sunday, demanding changes to the way the United States deals with gun violence. Obama said that in coming weeks he would "use whatever power this office" holds to start efforts to preventing further tragedies. **REUTERS**

Gun culture

- Gun control has been a low priority for most U.S. politicians due to the widespread popularity of guns in America and the clout of the National Rifle Association, the powerful gun-industry lobby.
- The constitutional right to bear arms is seen by many Americans as set in stone, and even after mass shootings, politicians have tiptoed around specific steps to limit access to lethal weapons.
- Even so, the horror of the Newtown killings, in which a 20-year-old man killed 6- and 7-year-old children and their teachers in their classrooms before taking his own life, has provoked an apparent change of heart in some politicians who have previously opposed gun control.

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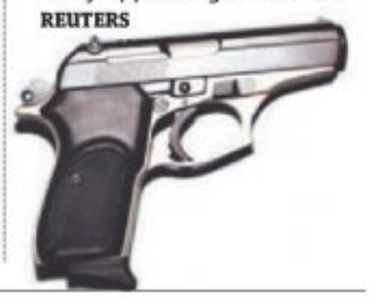

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Obama is Time's POTY; men hit the malls

'Tis the season

▶ More men hit the malls for last-minute shopping.

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US men take holiday shopping to the edge

For many men, it's all-or-nothing time for holiday shopping. Either they have already done all their shopping, or they have completed none of it, a Reuters/Ipsos poll shows.

Eighteen percent of total respondents to the survey said they had none of their holiday shopping done, unchanged from a survey the previous week. But more men were shopping laggards, with 20.6 percent versus 15.6 percent of women saying they still had bought no gifts.

Men also were more likely than women to say that they had all of their holiday shopping done, 9.5 percent versus 25.60 percent for women.

"Men tend to keep their list smaller and concise, as wives already took care of the majority of gifts," said Jharonne Martis, director of consumer research for Thomson Reuters. **REUTERS**

Phones now covered

US tightens rules protecting children's online privacy laws

Regulators are taking steps to protect the privacy of children when they go online by requiring parental consent before companies collect certain information.

The changes mark an update to rules based on the 1998 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, developed when most computers were big boxes sitting on office desks instead of smartphones in backpacks and permeating most aspects of daily life. **REUTERS**

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▶ Children online

Selected again

Obama named Time 'Person of the Year'

Time has tapped President Barack Obama for its Person of the Year for the second time, citing his historic reelection last month as symbolic of the nation's shifting demographics and the rise of younger, more diverse Americans.

In announcing its annual selection yesterday, the magazine called Obama the "Architect of the New America."

Obama was also selected for the honor in 2008 when he became the nation's first black president. **REUTERS**

Another day of sorrow

More Newtown funerals take place

Six more victims of the Newtown school shooting were honored at funerals and remembrances yesterday, including the school principal, who was killed along with 20 of her students and five other staff members at the Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The massacre of so many children, most of them just 6 or 7 years old, has shocked the United States and the world, renewing debate over gun control in a nation where the right to bear arms is protected by the Constitution and fiercely defended by many. **REUTERS**

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▶ Funeral for Daniel Barden

Talks turn sour

Obama threatens to veto GOP fiscal plan

Progress in talks to avoid a fiscal crisis appeared to stall yesterday as President Obama accused Republicans of digging in their heels because of personal grudges, while a Republican leader called the president "irrational."

Obama and House Speaker John Boehner, the top Republican in Congress, have been negotiating a deal to avert harsh tax hikes and spending cuts scheduled for January that could trigger a recession. Obama said he was puzzled over what was holding up the talks. **REUTERS**

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www.backbayyoga.com
This studio offers more than 75 classes a week, from beginner to core to vinyasa flow. But for something different, try the popular hip-hop yoga class — who needs those relaxing "nature sounds"? Sign up in advance, because these classes fill up quickly.

Best place to discover ways of bending that you never knew your body could do (which also feel surprisingly good):

Be. In Union Yoga
11 Bow St., Somerville
617-623-9642
www.beinunion.com
Everybody and their brother offers yoga lessons these days, but they're hardly all the same. Some instructors are cultish and dogmatic, others are drippy New Age-types overflowing with pseudo-spiritual claptrap, some studios are cliquely and unwelcoming — didn't you come here to relax? Be. In Union understands you're just here to learn yoga, and they're just here to teach it — not judge or preach or tickle your aura. Now that's relaxing!

Best place for calming down your monkey mind:

Shambhala Center
646 Brookline Ave., Brookline
617-734-1498
boston.shambhala.org
Shambhala, founded by Chogyam Trungpa, a former Tibetan Buddhist monk, teaches Tibetan Buddhist meditation techniques in a wholly secular context, utterly free of mystical mumbo-jumbo. Those who wish to go deeper can, but at the outset it's closer to applied psychology than spirituality of any kind — indeed, the basic Buddhist concept of mindfulness is now widely used in Western psychotherapy. You can pay for their reasonably priced courses or just show up each week for the free meditation night.

Best place to get your chakras realigned:

Good Energy Holistic Studio
654 Washington St., Braintree
781-351-9130
www.goodenergycenter.com
Whether or not you believe in stuff like chakras, you have to admit that alternative healing seems to work for a lot of people. Even if you think it's total B.S., Good Energy's Theresa Ciarfella doesn't just offer "energy work" techniques like reiki and aromatherapy — she'll also give you a regular massage, the effects of which should be easier for the skeptic to feel. Then again, maybe you're such a crumbum about this stuff because your chi is all bunched up — only one way to find out, right?

Best place to chill in a hot tub with total strangers:

Inman Oasis
243 Hampshire St.
Cambridge
617-491-0176
www.inmanoasis.com
Actually, you can do more than just the "enormous hot tub" thing at this bare-bones spa, but that aforementioned enormous Japanese hot tub is definitely a big draw. "After about 30 minutes in these jets," writes one Yelp reviewer, "you come out as relaxed and limber as a cooked noodle." Just don't stay in there too long — we're no spa experts, but common sense dictates it's best to stay al dente. You can also get a private tub with even more jets or schedule a table massage.

▶ From left, Leslie Carter, Auditi Guha, Meaghan Light, Kendahl Light and Brittany Kane take a dip in the giant Ja

Best workout without breaking a sweat:

Daryl Christopher Wellness Salon and Spa
840 Winter St., Waltham
781-890-9211
www.dchristopher.com
Nothing beats a workout that you do while lying on a comfy bed, having been massaged with essential oils. Daryl Christopher Wellness Salon and Spa (the non-toxic salon alternative) offers a toning "Workout Facial" that acts on facial muscles, giving a "lift." Exercise as bliss.

Best place to say, 'Goodbye cruel world! Hello beautiful skin':

The Beauty Room at the Patrice Vinci Salon
91 Newbury St., Boston
617-267-1900
www.patricevinci.com
The Beauty Room at The Patrice Vinci Salon is a peaceful hideaway on Newbury, where preternaturally youthful looking aesthetician Kathleen Santora soothes your skin and soul.

Best spot for a body cleanse:

Life Alive
765 Mass. Ave., Cambridge
617-354-5433
www.lifealive.com
This urban oasis has a hefty mission statement. Long story short, this restaurant and store is passionate about local, organic food. Stop by for rejuvenating juice or stock up on dry foods and probiotics for later.

Best cleanse for those who don't want to leave the house:

The Ripe Stuff
413-427-8402
www.theripestuffcleanse.com
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▶ Beantown Bootcamp owner John Wayman (in the green hat) leads participants in the Burn 90 workout.

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▶ Shawnee Ross cuts Sequoia Varona's hair as hairdresser Ashley Jones looks on at the Empire Beauty School.

Best salon for people who want a better deal than the kind you might find on Newbury Street:

Empire Beauty School
30 West St., Boston
617-939-9223
www.empire.edu
Broke college coeds come here for legit $8 haircuts by this beauty school's senior students. They get hands-on training; you get a $15 facial or a $10 shellac manicure.

617-742-0611
www.bostonbarber.com
This walk-in only North End barber shop has an old-school vibe and all the amenities a guy could ask for: EPSN on the big-screen, good conversation and a leather waiting room. These guys know what they're doing with a razor and clippers, and look at how much fun they are having in the pic on page 10! A second location just opened in Beacon Hill.

Best place to have a revelation of 'This isn't hair, this is art!':

Megan Graham Beauty
115 Newbury St., Ste. 401
Boston, 617-236-8100
www.megangrahambeauty.com
Megan Graham is an artist-turned-hair painter — sorry, colorist. Megan Graham Beauty is her studio — sorry, salon. Apparently, back in the day, Newbury Street was packed with artists' studios. Well, now it's packed with salons.

Longest wait for a haircut that is totally worth that wait:

Revive Hair Studio
670 Tremont St., Boston
857-366-4225
www.reviveboston.com
The wait for an appointment here averages three months, so you might want to find something to do in the meantime. But there's a reason it's so long: They're just that good. The studio's Yelp page is plastered with five-star raves — not just for the cuts, but also for the amiable personalities of the staff. They'll donate your hair to Locks of Love if you so choose — and you might as well, since it's either that or the Dumpster of Love out back.

Most affordable mani/pedi on Newbury:

Paradise Nail & Spa
215 Newbury St., Boston
617-437-0378
There are at least 10 different nail salons on Newbury Street. How do you choose? This one's clean, friendly and affordable at $30 for a mani and a pedi — unheard of in this 'hood.

Best falsies in town:

Eyestarr
The Boston Center
170 Comm. Ave., Boston
617-267-0710
www.eyestarr.com
It's safe to say that Eyestarr's falsies — eyelash extensions, that is — won't explode in your face at high altitudes. But they do make those peepers POP!

Best place to stock up on goods that might help you actually keep your New Year's resolution:

Boston Organics
50 Terminal St. #100
Charlestown, 617-242-1700
www.bostonorganics.com
Can't beat the convenience of this service that delivers boxes of fresh, locally grown produce to your door each week. Unlike a typical CSA share, customers can set preferences — so you'll never get stuck with veggies you know you don't like.

Best dance classes for grown-ups:

The Studio
1404 Beacon St., Brookline
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www.studiodcfa.com
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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

TV watch list

'Jersey Shore'

REALITY. So long, meatballs — after six seasons of GTL, grenades and T-shirt time, the self-proclaimed guidos and guidettes who ruled Seaside Heights, N.J. are closing the "Shore" house for good. Let's toast to MTV's most unlikely celeb housemates (at least since "The Real World" first bunked seven strangers under one roof) and the engagements, babies and sobriety that they have seen these last three years. But most importantly, we must give our thanks to the cast for expanding our vocabulary — may you all live long, mint lives in accordance with girl/guy code. **Series finale, 10 p.m., MTV**

AMBER RAY

Bald ambition: These shorn actresses took it off for 2012

No more long locks for these ladies Whether it was for a role of a lifetime or to raise awareness, here are some haircuts that turned heads this year

Anne Hathaway
Why: The actress had to shave her head for her role as the prostitute Fantine in "Les Miserables."
Current length: Short. "I love the short-haired lifestyle," Hathaway says in the December issue of Vogue. "I'm turning 30, and — I hope this isn't obnoxious to say — I feel prettier and much more myself. I guess I just feel much more satisfied with less now."

Charlize Theron
Why: Theron's shaved head is courtesy of her latest film role, "Mad Max: Fury Road."
Current length: Still shaved.

Kellie Pickler
Why: The "American Idol" singer got a buzz cut to support her best friend, Summer Miller, who had to undergo chemotherapy while being treated for breast cancer.
Current length: Growing out a tad. "We made a pact from the get-go that we would shave our heads together," Pickler told E! Online about sharing the look with her best pal. "And we did."

Miley Cyrus
Why: Perhaps she's aching to be seen as more "edgy" than her Disney roots.
Current length: It's only gotten crazier. As she wrote on Twitter when she first lost the locks, "Never felt more me in my whole life."

From left to right: Hathaway, Theron, Cyrus and Pickler, below, cut back.

ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Dude who could look more like these ladies

Brad! Your hair. I realize you have 23 children, but that is no excuse to let yourself go. Let's make 2013 be more "Fight Club" Pitt than "True Romance" Pitt. We women thank you.

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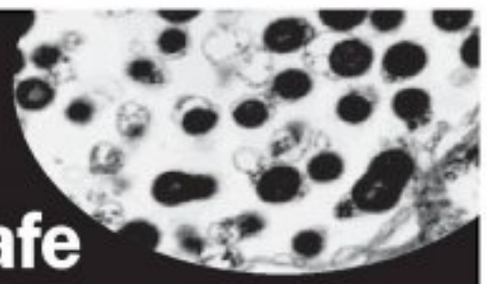

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▶ Not the Facebook sort of social network — meeting friends of friends face to face is one of the best ways to find new connections.

Feeling lonely this holiday season? How about turning your friends into your own personal dating service. Turns out, 68 percent of people met their spouse through someone they know.

It makes sense: There are great advantages of meeting someone through an acquaintance. Namely, they can vouch for the fact your new love interest isn't completely lame, psychotic or on the verge of getting back together with an ex. And because you know someone in common, whoever you meet will be more likely to act like a decent human being because they'll be more accountable for their actions.

Of course, to take full advantage of your social network, you should actually ask your friends to introduce you to people. Hell, I say even ask your acquaintances if they know of anyone. The wider you cast your net, the more likely you'll be to find someone. We network all the time to find jobs, why should finding a significant other be any different? I'd argue that finding a partner is just as big of a part of your life (if not more) than finding a job. So get out there, be shameless! Guy or girl, it's completely normal to want to meet someone if you're single. There's no reason to get bashful about telling people you're actively looking.

I know what you're thinking: If my friends knew someone who would be good for me they would take the initiative on their own. Not true. First of all, friends may be trigger shy because they don't know you're open to being set up. Second, unless you ask your friends to think about all the singles they know, they're probably not actively considering all the cool people that might make a good match.

There are single guys and girls everywhere who want nothing more than to find someone but feel like they're banging their heads against the walls in the bar scene and online. Why not take a new strategy and see what happens?

*— **Amber Madison** is a Manhattan-based relationship expert and dating coach. She is the author of 'Are All Guys Assholes?' for which she traveled the country, spoke to over 1,000 men and discovered that the answer to this question is no. You can follow her on Twitter @ambermadi or online at www.ambermadisonline.com*

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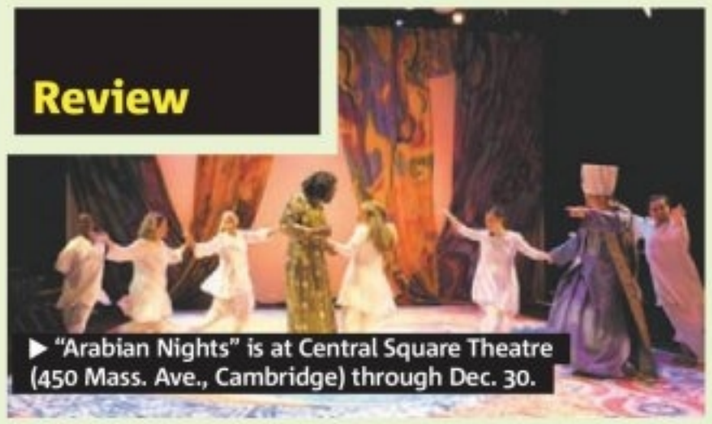

▶ "Arabian Nights" is at Central Square Theatre (450 Mass. Ave., Cambridge) through Dec. 30.

'Arabian Nights' takes you on a magic carpet ride

"Arabian Nights" is slow to get started — but once the storytelling within the story begins, expect to be transported to another time when this simple art form casts its magical spell on all who listen. The power of this ethereal co-production of Underground Railway and the Nora Theatre Company lies in its ability to keep the audience transfixed as it weaves one yarn after another in this tapestry of tales of humanity. Even the floor of the performance space, a painted collage of Persian miniatures, feels like a magic carpet ready to take you on an enchanting ride.

Nine performers take an engaging romp back in time to the days of Ali Baba. As each story comes to life, it almost feels like you're watching a different production.

King Shahrayar (Vincent Ernest Siders) often watches the stories unfold while sitting on the stage floor. The production is so all-encompassing that you feel, no matter where you sit, like you're sitting next to him and enjoying the proceedings together.

Part of the show's charm belongs to Evelyn Howe who, as Shahrazad, proves to be every bit as gifted at the art of storytelling as the character she plays. Lindsey McWhorter is nearly show-stealing turn with her big, eye-rolling turns in multiple roles.

Yavni Bar-Yam makes a delightful Ali Baba and demonstrates versatility as he excels as a puppeteer and in several other parts. Ahmad Maksoud delivers the show's funniest performance as Tailor, but also shows great range.

● NICK DUSSAULT

Christmas Mass Schedule
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The report

MASSACHUSETTS

Wachusett Mountain
www.wachusett.com
Summit Elevation: 2,006 ft.
Vertical Drop: 1,000 ft.
Number of Lifts: 8
Number of Trails: 22
Wachusett will hold its Polar Express Holiday Celebration this Sunday, which will include skiing and riding, arts and crafts and a showing of the Polar Express movie. There also will be an appearance by Wachusett's own "Orson the Polar Bear" as well as a visit from Santa, who will arrive an unconventional way. His elves will be there to hand out candy canes and a capella music groups will sing holiday classics.

MAINE

Sugarloaf USA
www.sugarloaf.com
Summit Elevation: 4,237 ft.
Vertical Drop: 2,820 ft.
Number of Lifts: 15
Number of Trails: 145
On Friday, Dec. 28, Sugarloaf guests are invited to meet two-time Olympic Gold medalist Seth Wescott at the Downhill Supply Company from 3 to 5 p.m. This is your chance to get a free autographed poster and meet the man who owns the only two gold medals ever awarded in Olympic Snowboard Cross.

Shawnee Peak
www.shawneepeak.com
Summit Elevation: 1,900 ft.
Vertical Drop: 1,300 ft.
Number of Lifts: 5
Number of Trails: 42
Shawnee Peak will hold its Winter Festival on Thursday, Dec. 27. The event will be held from 4 p.m. to close and will include snow sculpting, bonfires, torchlight parades and fireworks.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Loon Mountain
www.loonmtn.com
Summit Elevation: 3,050 ft.
Vertical Drop: 2,100 ft.
Number of Lifts: 12
Number of Trails: 60
Loon Mountain Resort will hold the grand opening of its new Burton Riglet and Lil' Stash Parks on Dec. 22-23. These new parks, built in collaboration with Burton Snowboards, will transform the way children learn to snowboard and how families use the mountain, Loon officials said.

Cranmore Mountain Resort
www.cranmore.com
Summit Elevation: 2,000 ft.
Vertical Drop: 1,500 ft.
Number of Lifts: 10
Number of Trails: 54
Winter Wonderland Cranapalooza will be held Wednesday, Dec. 26, and will feature face painting, s'mores, games with C-more the Penguin, live music from Jim Tyrell and family entertainment from BoBo T Clown. In addition, Cranmore's zipline, mountain coaster, giant swing and snow tubing park operate until 9 p.m., and the mountain remains open for skiing until 6 p.m.

Mount Sunapee
www.mountsunapee.com
Summit Elevation: 2,743 ft.
Vertical Drop: 1,510 ft.
Number of Lifts: 11
Number of Trails: 66
Mount Sunapee will hold its Jingle Jam Rail Jam on Saturday, Dec. 29. It will be the first railjam of the season and competitors will be judged on technical skills, amplitude, style and creativity. Cash prizes provided by Golf & Ski Warehouse.

VERMONT

Killington
www.killington.com
Summit Elevation: 4,241 ft.
Vertical Drop: 3,050 ft.
Number of Lifts: 22
Number of Trails: 140
Killington is calling all park rats for the first event in Monster Energy's K-Town Showdown Series taking place this Saturday. This year, Monster Energy's K-Town Showdown will consist of three events — two rail jams and a slopestyle competition. Open to both skiers and riders of all ages. With six divisions, there'll be tons of prizes up for grabs.

Smugglers Notch Resort
www.smuggs.com
Summit Elevation: 3,640 ft.
Vertical Drop: 2,610 ft.
Number of Lifts: 8
Number of Trails: 78
Smuggs will hold a Christmas Eve Celebration on Dec. 24, with evening events that include a torchlight parade by Snow Sport University instructors and fireworks that will light up the Green Mountains followed by carols and wish list sharing with Santa. METRO

Vermont

▶ Yoga-On-Snow is part of Stratton's 'Om for the Holidays.'

Stratton Mountain Resort

www.stratton.com
Base Elevation: 1,872 ft.
Summit Elevation: 3,875 ft.
Vertical Drop: 2,003 ft.
Skiable Area: 625 acres
Number of Lifts: 11
Number of Trails: 94
Longest Run: 15,840 ft.
Om for the Holidays is a three-day celebration of light and balance, joy and gratitude, yoga and music, hooping and hikes being held Dec. 27 to 30. Yoga classes include Boomer, Power, Yoga-On-Snow for skiers and riders, and even a Children's Yoga session. There's drumming, dance and a farmer's market featuring the bounty that is Vermont. Try hula hooping for a full-body workout that's so much fun you'd never know it's "exercise." Be guided by the light of the moon as you snowshoe through the woods. Evening events are free and open to anyone and everyone. Plus, you'll find plenty of time to ski, snowboard and play in the snow.

Letters

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Founding Fathers wanted armed, responsible citizens

RE: "THE FOUNDERS KNEW ONLY FLINTLOCKS" (METRO, DEC. 19)
Letter writer Larry D. Fowler's letter is hopelessly inaccurate. First, there weren't 40, or any amount of "signers" to the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. Constitution was not "signed" by anyone; it was ratified by the State Legislature of each of the 13 colonies. Second, if Mr. Fowler was referring to the signers of the Declaration of Independence, well there were 56 signers, not 40, and I don't think one would describe Samuel Adams, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin as "northern aristocrats." Third, the Founding Fathers did envision every American to be armed. One of the laws passed by Congress and signed by George Washington in 1792 was a law requiring all able-bodied adult males to purchase and keep a rifle.
STEPHAN DEJEAN, VIA E-MAIL

The Founding Fathers may not have anticipated automatic guns when they wrote the Second Amendment, but I think they did anticipate personal responsibility from the citizenry. But, alas, this is something we seem to have lost in this society.
MARC MALOOF, VIA E-MAIL

Vote out anyone in bed with NRA

Following the tragic massacre of children and teachers in Newtown, only the latest of multiple episodes of gun violence in the United States, the public must finally be ready to demand action. We claim to be a civilized society but have the worst record for gun violence of all industrialized countries. It is now clear that a very important factor if not the most important factor in causing gun violence is a failure of effective gun control in the United States. I place this failure squarely at the feet of the NRA and the gun lobby. I now call on both liberals and conservatives to vote out of office any congressman that supports the NRA or the gun lobby or that refuses to support gun control measures soon to be introduced by President Obama and others.
GEORGE CHRISTIAN, VIA E-MAIL

The oldest murder set the precedent

Guns don't kill people, cars don't kill people, pools, hammers, cigarettes, drugs or knives don't kill people. What kills are evil people, irresponsible people. Drunken drivers and accidents. Fits of rage or uncontrolled emotion. And good old anger and jealousy. None of the objects are the cause — they a simply the means. Cain killed Abel with a rock — the rock did not kill on its own. Evil almost always has its way. You can predict evil sometimes, but never fully control it.
JEFFREY PADELL, VIA E-MAIL

Guns: Easy as getting a passport

Since we're talking about weapons a lot lately, answer this: By simply filling out a few forms, having a background check done and getting fingerprinted, virtually anyone of legal age who does not have a police record or history of psychiatric problems can legally buy and own a semiautomatic handgun. But unless you're police or active-duty military, you can not own a switchblade. Why? Any tradesman can think of useful purposes for an automatic knife, but to the best of my knowledge a handgun only serves one purpose. It shoots things. **BRUCE A. BENNETT, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Although you'll be able to adequately fend for yourself, your more notable benefits are likely to come from a partnership. You could actually be involved in two of them.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Although you might have to once again deal with a matter that has given you much trouble, this time experience and wisdom are on your side. You'll come out ahead.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Do not be a capricious risk-taker, but also don't be afraid to take a chance if doing so might serve your best interests. You must not let unfounded fear stop you.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** When it comes to your financial affairs, you might not do everything letter-perfect, but your good moves should outrank many of your bad ones and put you in the plus column.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** It behooves you to be positive in all that you do. Instead of worrying about what may or may not happen, go out into the world enjoying what your heart and head tell you to do.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** A pleasant surprise might be in store for you when something that hasn't looked too profitable suddenly makes a big change for the better.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Trust that things have a way of balancing themselves out, and you'll quickly find out that if you're not being treated too well in one case, something else will make up for it.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You've heard the old saying: "The harder your work, the luckier you get." This could be true in your case, when you achieve more than you expected through a lot of strong effort.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Although you're presently in a rather good cycle where your general interests are concerned, material rewards will require more arduous work. However, it'll be worth it.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Don't depend on luck to provide what you want. However, an ambitious aim can be realized if you give it top priority and are willing to work hard.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you have to make an important judgment call that would affect others as well as yourself, make it from a noble perspective. Good intentions will produce big advantages.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** By being willing to work hard and playing your cards well, you could generate great financial benefits through a valuable and unusual source.
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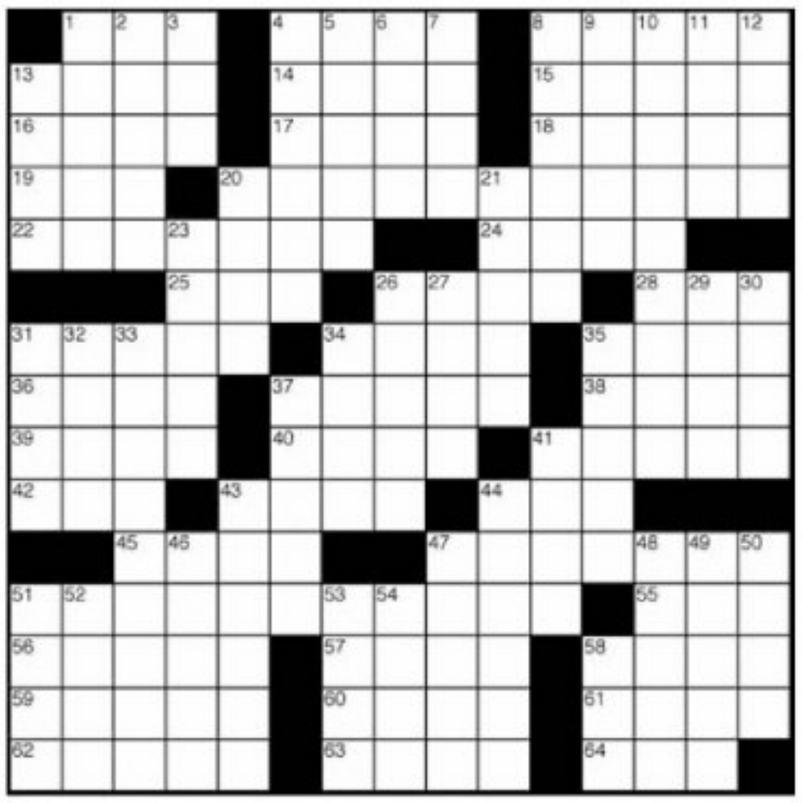

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

Solution to yesterday's crossword

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food

Sinclair in the clear

Chef Michael Schlow on his role in opening the new rock club with a kickin' kitchen, after a month of delays

Nosh On

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Delays are part of the deal. As we speak in mid-November, Chef Michael Schlow isn't sweating the fact that The Sinclair, the new rock club and eatery in Harvard Square, is two weeks late in opening.

"We're at the mercy of inspections," says Schlow, who migrated to Boston from New York City in 1995 to head Louis Boston's Cafe Louis. It ended up being more than a month until The Sinclair opened last week.

He's gone from Radius, his first restaurant and still one of the city's best, to rock 'n' roll. At Sinclair, Schlow helms the restaurant, while Bowery Presents handles the music. Even with the number of other restaurants he has opened, he says Radius, which is almost 15 years old, remains special: "It's a wonderful experience, it's such a creative outlet. ... But when you have a family, the baby needs attention."

Sinclair is that baby, comprising a mere 110 seats split over two levels: "It's small, but it's lively. Food and music are things that me and my friends bond over. I have a lot of musician friends who like good food," says Schlow, whose wedding guests included R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe and Mike Mills.

Hiccups, Schlow says, are bound to happen: "If it were easy, it wouldn't be as much fun."

"When you have a family, the baby needs attention." SCHLOW, ON DEVOTING TIME TO THE SINCLAIR

On the menu

Schlow gives us the dish on Sinclair's menu:

- **Pork belly pastrami slider** "They're addictive and go perfectly with some beer."
- **Disco fries** "These have a hint of nostalgia for me. We'd eat them at the diner after shows. We have a new version with chorizo and poblano. They're totally decadent."
- **Crispy fried oysters** "Bowery Presents has New Orleans roots so these reflect that. We add Cajun seasoning to the remoulade."

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drink

Drinking in the best of the holiday season

Perhaps you've finished shopping for everybody but the boozer in your life Maybe you really want to give your favorite bartender a gift Either way, here are some presents that are likely to make them raise a glass

THURSTY

LUKE O'NEIL
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If you're a regular reader of this column, you know that bartenders and cocktail enthusiasts often can be opinionated and, OK, downright prickly when it comes to the tools of the trade. That makes buying gifts for the ones in your life particularly difficult — you don't want to get something they wouldn't use in a million years, like, say, a bottle of schnozzberry vodka. We asked a few bar pros around the city what they wanted to find underneath the tree.

Dan Jones, bartender at Estelle's

"The only way to really know more about beer is to brew it yourself, and a gift from your local homebrew store could go down as the best gift you'll ever give. I suggest checking out Modern Homebrew Emporium in Cambridge. ... But the holy grail of beer gifts is without a doubt a kegerator. It's not just for college kids anymore and you can find much sleeker versions of the chop-shopped refrigerator with a quick search online."

Dan Jones at Estelle's calls the kegerator the holy grail of beer gifts.

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Colin Driscoll, bar manager at Saloon

"I would personally love a good cocktail book like 'The PDT Cocktail' or something I can learn from. I hate when people buy me the sets of cheap tools that come in a rack."

Put the "PDT Cocktail Book" in your drinker's stocking.

Fanny Katz, beverage director at Belly Wine Bar

"Here is what I do want: A bottle of the Amaro Santa Maria al Monte for tonight and George Howell Terroir Coffee Beans for tomorrow's hangover. I don't want those silver 'pretend ice cubes' that you keep in the freezer. ... They may be aesthetically pleasing, but they're not practical."

If you are Fanny Katz's secret santa, you know what to buy.

Kristina McSharry, assistant general manager at BOND at The Langham, Boston

"A hand torch to make warm cocktails with toasted garnishes as a fun alternative to the usual chilled drinks."

Your bartender might be appreciative of a hand torch for a gift.

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THE DEVIL MAKES A REAL BAND

These New England folkies bring a punk energy to their performance that needs to be taken seriously
Who cares if they don't have a drummer? Attention: Mumford & Sons, please invite them to your country!

If a bunch of young Londoners, namely Mumford & Sons, can become the toast of America's young folk-bluegrass scene, then why can't a drummerless New England old-timey troupe return the favor across the pond? At least, that's what acoustic trio the Devil Makes Three is itching for.

"We really want our next album to get us over to Europe," says Devil Makes Three's co-guitarist and co-singer Pete Bernhard. "That's one of the things we're hoping for next year. It's a big goal to get over to Europe and play."

Brattleboro, Vt., native Bernhard formed DMT with his high school pal, guitarist Cooper McBean, and New Hampshire-born stand-up bassist Lucia Turino a decade ago before Mumford made folk hip (again).

"Me and Cooper, when we were really young, we were interested in fingerpicking and folk music. It was considered so uncool; most of our friends were into metal and rock. One of the reasons we ended up playing together is because no one in our age group wanted to play with us. People thought we were such nerds," he recalls. "Well, we still are."

After their fall tour, DMT began recording a new album, which follows five records, both live and studio recordings, and a touring schedule that saw them play Bonnaroo, Lollapalooza and, appropriately, the Telluride Bluegrass Festival.

"When we started, no one would take us seriously, playing acoustic instruments with no drums," recalls Bernhard. "They'd put us onstage to play while they were setting up. We weren't considered a real band."

▶ The Devil Makes Three — and those three are, from left, Cooper McBean, Pete Bernhard and Lucia Turino.

ANTHONY PIDGEON

Punk for the folk

Despite their inner leanings toward folk and country music, Bernard and McBean cut their teeth playing punk rock. And the reason was simple: "Because it was so fun!" Bernard says with an emphatic whoop. "It was just a blast. With this band, we set out to make folk as fun to see as a punk show. Folk music can be very quiet and still. We wanted our show to be more fun, [to] get people up to dance."

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If you go

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Also onstage

Aine Minogue
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This pan-Celtic singer-harpist, an Irish native, will lull you through the Solstice (and you'll forget all about that whole "end of the world" thing that it's supposed to bring and probably be lulled straight into Middle-earth with her otherworldly music). Her high, clear, ghostly voice evokes the stillness and silence of winter in a way few things can. It's as if it's tailor-made for a pleasantly cold bath in the intangible but ever-present mystery of life and death.

FILMMAGIC

▶The Roots take flight.

The Roots

Wednesday, 8 p.m.
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Few bands could take on something as campy and mainstream as being a house band for a late-night talk show and still retain their sense of underground menace and cool, but the Roots pull it off like champs. The simple explanation: Questlove and co. are just the coolest musicians ever, capable of making pretty much anything legit.

Hoodie Allen
Wednesday, 7 p.m.
The Paradise
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This MC, an unapologetic former Google employee whose real name is Steven Markowitz, has no illusions of hip-hop "cred." On the lead-off track to his album, "All-American," he amusingly references Sufjan Stevens and Groupon. But hip-hop was always about who you are, not who you pretend to be, and in that sense, he's got cred up the wazoo.

MATTHEW DINARO

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SUN. 1/13
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WED. 1/16
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In the news

Dempster: 'I came here to win'

New Red Sox pitcher Ryan Dempster said yesterday at his introductory press conference that his new team "has as much chance to win as anyone else."

Dempster has a .500 career record at 124-124.

"I think he is a really good fit for a lot of reasons," Red Sox GM Ben Cherington said about his new hurler.

Cherington also spoke about how the team has yet to officially sign first baseman Mike Napoli, who came to an agreement with the team on Dec. 3.

"As with any free agent or acquisition: until it's done, it's not done," Cherington said. "We continue to work on different ways to improve the team." METRO

Metro's NFL power rankings | by Mike Greger

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1 49ERS (10-3-1)
There are statement wins, then there are franchise-changing wins. The latter is what Colin Kaepernick and Niners got last Sunday night. They could have easily crumbled on a rainy night in Foxboro. They didn't. And the entire NFL is on notice.

2 PATRIOTS (10-4)
Was anyone surprised that Tom Brady guided a 28-point comeback? The way he was yelling at his troops and pumping his fist, it's a sure sign that No. 12 is in full playoff mode.

3 TEXANS (12-2)
J.J. Watt only increased his MVP candidacy, finishing with three sacks, 10 tackles and a forced fumble in a must-win game. Still, this team won't be able to prove itself for real until mid-January.

4 BRONCOS (11-3)
Peyton Manning can smell blood in the water and he hasn't lost since Oct. 7 — at New England, when the Broncos were still adjusting to him. That No. 2 seed should come pretty easy now.

5 FALCONS (12-2)
With all apologies, Asante, we're not trying to hate after an impressive 34-0 win over the defending Super Bowl champions; it's just too damn crowded at the top.

6 PACKERS (10-4)
Green Bay put up 391 yards against one of the stingier defenses in football. Look out NFC, they're starting to look eerily similar to that 2010 Super Bowl squad.

7 SEAHAWKS (9-5)
Pete Carroll thinks he's back at USC, running up the score for BCS votes. The Seahawks have outscored the opposition 108-17 over the past two weeks.

8 RAVENS (9-5)
The hits keep coming, with wide receiver Torrey Smith (concussion) possibly out. That's terrible news for a team that can't find its early-season mojo.

9 COLTS (9-5)
Indy looked the part of a young, inexperienced team. They'll make the playoffs. Trust us. Week 17 could be meaningless for Houston. As far as winning in January? Well, that's another story.

10 'SKINS (8-6)
Wait, so Washington went two decades without a legit quarterback and now they might have two? The football gods work in mysterious ways. They're at Philly and host Dallas the next two weeks

11 GIANTS (8-6)
The ultimate Jekyll and Hyde. They do the pummeling and then get pummeled. Still, don't count them out to run the table and make everyone else shiver in fear.

12 VIKINGS (8-6)
Here comes Adrian, here comes Adrian, right down Adrian's lane. The Vikings are trying to say that quarterbacks don't matter all that much ... say what?

13 COWBOYS (8-6)
Forget Tony Romo. Forget DeMarcus Ware. DeMarco Murray makes Dallas dangerous. The Dallas running back has a rushing touchdown in each of his last three games.

14 BENGALS (8-6)
The Eagles gift-wrapped one for them, but the Bengals will take it. Andy Dalton needs to improve (13-of-27, 127 yards) for anyone to take them seriously as one of the bottom seeds in the AFC playoffs.

15 STEELERS (7-7)
Usually one of the most disciplined teams in the league, Pittsburgh is having major issues. Oh, and Big Ben is openly questioning offensive coordinator Todd Haley's play-calling. Sell, sell, sell.

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